



**NOTHING**  
can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus

Romans 8: 39

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## COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We Come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

**ALL: But we are looking to the future, not to the past.**

One: Our God is also the God of the future, the God who was with our ancestors will be with us as well.

**ALL: Then we can go forward in hope! Whatever else may fail, God remains faithful.**

One: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

**ALL: Praise be to God!**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good #6 verses 1, 3, 5**

**Sing praise to God, our highest good, profound respect expressing.**

**God gives us health, life, livelihood, with every needed blessing.**

**To God, who won-drous works performs,**

**Creating a life and calming storms, to God give praise and glory!**

**What God has made, God will preserve, with righteousness unailing.**

**Regardless what we may deserve, we see this good prevailing.**

**To God who governs evermore with justice serving rich and poor,**

**To God give praise and glory!**

**Forever with us, God is here,**

**Nor ever will desert us. So dearly loved, we shall not fear:**

**There's nothing that can hurt us. We place our trust in God's command,**

**Who leads us with a mother's hand: to God give praise and glory!**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING GRACE**

One: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **THE COMMUNITY LISTENS FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **PRAYER**

One: Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8: 1-8, 31-39 Common English Bible**

So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin. He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us.

Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

So what are we going to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He didn't spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won't he also freely give us all things with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's elect people? It is God who acquits them. Who is going to convict them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even more, who was raised, and who also is at God's right side. It is Christ Jesus who also pleads our case for us.

Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

We are being put to death all day long for your sake.  
We are treated like sheep for slaughter.

But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **MESSAGE**

**Nothing Can Separate  
Reverend Patty Dodds**

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PRAYERS

**ALL: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Response to the prayers

One: Christ in your Mercy,

**ALL: Hear our Prayer.**

#### PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**Our Father, who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil**

**for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

#### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: God has abundantly blessed us and calls us to be a community that honors each other, to be servants to others with joy, to share our love and material possessions.**

One: Let us honor God from thankful hearts and joyful spirits.

**ALL: God of extravagant mercy, we come to dedicate all our offerings to you. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the Good news. May all that we dedicate -- our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management --**

**announce your reign and the nearness of your kingdom. We give with joy, thanking you for the opportunity to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Amen**

## **THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY**

**\*CLOSING HYMN Surely No One Can be Safer #487**

**Surely no one can be safer than God's children, held in favor,  
Not the stars so brightly burning, not the birds to nests returning.**

**With the flock God is abiding, heaven's plenty all providing,  
Rich in mercy, never sparing, like a father, gently caring.**

**None shall ever meet rejection, be denied God's own protection;  
Has there bee a friend who better knows our hopes, our fears that fetter?**

**Whether taking, whether giving, God alone remains forgiving,  
And with one true purpose holy to preserve our welfare solely.**

**\*COMMISSION**

Pastor: As we prepare to leave this place, let us proclaim the ministry to which God has called us:

**People: We will go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; and with God's help, let us be of good courage, holding fast to that which is good; With Christ as our model, we will render to no one evil for evil; we will strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak; help the afflicted and honor all people. Let us rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)**

**GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE**

**\*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit**

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**Announcements:**

**Masks are no longer required in our building.** Members and friends should determine based on their personal health and vaccination status if they wish to continue wearing one. Also please be sensitive to one another's need for continued social distancing.

**This Sunday's Flowers donated by the Robinsons**

**Next Sunday, August, Scripture: Romans 12: 1-21 NRSV**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>- Campfire at the Wittel Farm in Etown from 8-9PM. We will carpool from church. Please sign up!**

**THE GUILD KICK OFF MEETING-** Please join us in planning Guild fundraisers and special events at Trinity. We need and welcome your help.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHEN: Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (Always the first Tuesday of month.)

TIME: 7:00 pm.

**Mark your calendar for September 12<sup>th</sup> –** We will have a special service to celebrate being together again followed by a meal.

**Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.**

**Mark your Calendars for our next Chicken Barbeque and Rummage Sale on September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be August 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.** Bring your own craft or come to chat.

**Please contact Pastor Patty** if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: [Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org](mailto:Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org)

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